



Safety

The safe accomplishment of the MACS-4 mission is the focus of effort at all times. MACS-4 provides rapidly deployable aviation command and control and weather services that have to be prepared to deploy on short notice. There are inherent risks with everything we do as Marines. We will seek to thoroughly understand the risks in our on-duty and off-duty routines, and will incorporate sound and thorough safety practices to mitigate identified risks.

Safety is an "All Hands" responsibility. Leaders at every level will incorporate operational risk management as a fundamental aspect of everything we do, whether it is training, operations, or recreational activities. All MACS-4 personnel are empowered and expected to act as safety observers.

WHEN YOU OBSERVE AN UNSAFE SITUATION
CORRECT IT IMMEDIATELY!

A successful safety program is not complex; it requires common sense and commitment. If something doesn't pass the common sense test, do not hesitate to take action, and never assume that someone else has already considered and mitigated your concerns. Be committed to understanding and complying with established safety procedures and be committed to the well-being of your fellow Marines. Whether on-duty or off, on-the-job or at home, consider the consequences of your every action. No one intentionally sets out to hurt themselves, cause injury to someone else, or to damage equipment. However, this will happen through complacency, carelessness, or allowing a "been there, done that" attitude to set in.

Ours is a risky business, we must mitigate and control those risks in order to safely achieve the mission our nation and Corps have entrusted to us. You have the duty and responsibility to protect the Marines and equipment required to accomplish the mission. Do not hesitate to stop and correct the improper and unsafe actions of others.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. D. Hicks".

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